

Minutes  
Washtenaw County LEPC Meeting  
Thursday, December 11, 2008  
**MSUE Classroom, 705 N. Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor, MI**  
3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Marc Breckenridge, Pam Byrnes, Vic Chevrette, Donald Dettling, Jon Ichesco, Cindra James, Joseph Jurasek, James Luckhardt, Leon Moore, Daniel Onyskin, Corey Nygaard, Scott Robinson, Lucy Teets, Kathryn Wilhoff

Members Absent: Steve Arrieta, Barbara Levin Bergman (excused), Pam Byrnes (excused), Pierre Gonyon, David Halteman, Michael Perry

Staff Present: Kenneth Kelly, Mary Kowalski

Guests Present: David Archer, Dieter Heren

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 p.m. by D. Onyskin.

II. Introductions

All attendees introduced themselves.

III. Review and Approval of Agenda

C. Nygaard moved to approve the agenda, M. Breckenridge seconded and the motion carried.

IV. Review and Approval of Minutes

J. Ichesco moved to approve the minutes as presented, K. Wilhoff seconded and the motion carried.

V. Public Comment

There was no public comment

VI. Announcements

K. Wilhoff reported that Eastern Michigan University has hired an Emergency Management Director; his name is Mark Wesley and he will be starting in January.

J. Luckhardt announced that his employment with ACH will be ending in December and therefore he will need to resign from the LEPC.

VII. Old Business

A. EHS facility planning update

- K. Kelly reported that 50 of the 55 sites recognized by MDEQ have updated plans.
- Comcast will be coming off of the SARA list, as they have been over reporting sulfuric acid.
- New plans have been written for two facilities – Sam's Club and Michigan Bell. Additionally, International Transmission Company is coming back on the list
- A HazMat Plan grant agreement has been signed and submitted. This is a grant for a little over \$3000, and it is effective October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009.

- L. Moore brought up a request regarding fire facilities, wondering if there is an easier way to communicate with unmanned facilities' owners to be more efficient when conducting inspections. M. Breckenridge suggested contacting David Halteman in the Office of Emergency Management to find a map of towers in the County.
- M. Breckenridge reported that Ken Kelly has compiled EHS facilities' plans, contact numbers and other information into easily visible binders to be distributed to HazMat, the Fire departments, Emergency Management, Public Health and the local jurisdictions. This is the first time that all of this information has been compiled and distributed since M. Breckenridge started work here.

#### B. Information Coordinator's Report

- L. Moore stated that staff is putting together the 2009 reporting mailing, which will go out after the first of the year. We will be putting a renewed emphasis on getting e-mail addresses for contacts so that the County can use less paper and postage to contact them in the future.

#### C. Emergency Coordinator's report:

- M. Breckenridge reported that there have been no EHS facility releases in this quarter.
- There were three major incidents handled by Emergency Management and the HazMat team:
  - On September 23 there was a natural gas main rupture; Emergency management issued a civil emergency message for shelter in place.
  - On September 25 there was an incident at East Middle School, detailed below
  - On October 15 800 gallons of gas were spilled into Mallets Creek in Pittsfield Township from an automobile-tanker truck accident. MDEQ and the Washtenaw County Drain Commissioner's Office were involved.

#### D. HazMat Team Director's report

- Chevrette reported the following incidents:
- 09/16/08: 0820 hours, MM 165, I-94 Dexter MI. Director response to assist with cleanup of fatality site of 3 tractor trailers. Assistance in organization of cleanup activity with MSP26, Dexter Area Fire Dept and MDOT.
- 09/25/08: 1254 hours, 510 Emerick St. East Middle School, Ypsilanti MI, Full team response to assist and determine the cause of Students and Faculty becoming acutely ill. Cause: methane gas from natural gas leak in roadway. Assistance received by US EPA and Washtenaw Co. Public Health.
- 10/30/08: 0915 hours, 3201 Bemis Rd. (Huron Valley Men's Prison) Pittsfield Township. Technical Assistance for Mercury Spill in restroom of kitchen area. Assistance received from Washtenaw Co. Environmental (Dan Moody). Mercury found to be from broken thermostat of kitchen oven. Cleanup conducted by Private Contractor.
- The HazMat Team also now has the following new equipment:
  - A generous donation from Pfizer Company of disposable suits, boots, booms and various equipment for response to hazardous materials.
  - CEDAP Radiation detection kit. These instruments will be received in February 2009 as part of a CEDAP Grant that was awarded to the HazMat Team. One team member will be attending the CEDAP train-n-trainer in Washington D.C. on 8 February 2009. This new equipment includes a radiation search and identification instrument, survey meter and alpha probe.
- The Team continues to strive in providing protection in responding to Hazardous Materials incidents. Training is conducted twice a month along with quarterly drills. We will be conducting our annual fund raiser (golf outing) for the team in late summer.

E. Reports from standing committees

- None

VIII. New Business

S. Robinson reported that on October 22 YCUA did a tabletop exercise with MDEQ, and noted that they learned a great deal about what is still needed to respond effectively to a wastewater infrastructure event.

2009 Calendar

M. Breckenridge moved that the 2009 LEPC calendar be adopted with meetings occurring on the second Thursday of the month, once each calendar quarter starting in March, from 3-5 p.m. in the MSU Conference Room at 705 N. Zeeb, Ann Arbor. L. Moore seconded and the motion carried.

L. Teets suggested having a joint meeting between the Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County LEPCs, and it was suggested that the Ann Arbor members be invited to the March 2009 WCLEPC meeting.

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by J. Ichesco at 3:50 p.m.